

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A disc data reading apparatus, comprising:
 - a tray having a recess for receiving a disc, the recess defining a recess flange;
 - a housing including an upper plate parallel to the tray, the upper plate having a front flange; and
 - a cover including an opening, a first portion and a second portion, the tray being moved in and apart from the housing through the opening, the first portion protruding from the cover to connect being connected to the front flange of the housing, and the second portion protruding from the cover and being longer than the first portion, and at least part of the second portion extending into the housing to form a barrier portion facing and substantially parallel to the tray;

wherein the barrier portion prevents a possible cracked disc from jetting out.
2. (Original) The disc data reading apparatus of claim 1, wherein the barrier portion is located between the recess flange and the cover.
3. (Currently Amended) The disc data reading apparatus of claim 1, wherein the barrier portion and the tray prevent the cracked disc from jetting out through the an-opening ~~between the barrier portion and the tray~~.
4. (Currently Amended) The disc data reading apparatus of claim 1, wherein the barrier portion further includes a guidance surface sloping at a predetermined angle to upwardly guide a movement of the cracked disc.

5. (Original) The disc data reading apparatus of claim 4, wherein the predetermined angle is less than 90 degrees.
6. (Original) The disc data reading apparatus of claim 1, wherein the upper plate further includes a bent portion downwardly extending from the upper plate.
7. (Original) The disc data reading apparatus of claim 6, wherein the bent portion is located between the recess flange and the front flange.
8. (Original) The disc data reading apparatus of claim 6, wherein the barrier portion further includes a clasp engaging with the bent portion.
9. (Original) The disc data reading apparatus of claim 8, wherein the clasp further includes a guidance surface sloping at a predetermined angle to guide a movement of the cracked disc and prevent the cracked disc from jetting out.
10. (Currently Amended) A disc data reading apparatus, comprising:
 - a tray having a recess for receiving a disc, the recess defining a recess flange;
 - a housing including an upper plate parallel to the tray, the upper plate having a front flange; and

a cover including an opening, a first portion and a second portion, the tray being moved in and apart from the housing through the opening, the first portion being connected to the front flange of the housing, and at least a part of the second portion extending into the housing to form a barrier portion having a sharp end;

wherein the sharp end of the barrier portion has a guidance surface upwardly sloping at a predetermined angle to upwardly guide a movement of a possible cracked disc and prevent the cracked disc jetting out from the opening~~jetting out~~.

11. (Original) The disc data reading apparatus of claim 10, wherein the barrier portion is located between the recess flange and the cover.
12. (Original) The disc data reading apparatus of claim 10, wherein the barrier portion and the tray prevent the cracked disc from jetting out through an opening between the barrier portion and the tray.
13. (Currently Amended) A disc data reading apparatus, comprising:
 - a tray having a recess for receiving a disc, the recess defining a recess flange;
 - a housing including an upper plate parallel to the tray, the upper plate having a bent portion and a front flange, the bent portion downwardly extending from the upper plate; and
 - a cover including an opening, a first portion and a second portion, the tray being moved in and apart from the housing through the opening, the first portion being connected to the front flange of the housing, and at least part of the second portion extending into the

housing to form a barrier portion, the barrier having a clasp engaging with the bent portion to provide an additional supporting force;

wherein the clasp has a guidance surface sloping at a predetermined angle to upwardly guide a movement of a possible cracked disc and prevent the cracked disc jetting out from the opening.

14. (Original) The disc data reading apparatus of claim 13, wherein the barrier portion is located between the recess flange and the cover.
15. (Original) The disc data reading apparatus of claim 13, wherein the barrier portion and the tray prevent the cracked disc from jetting out through an opening between the barrier portion and the tray.
16. (Original) The disc data reading apparatus of claim 13, wherein the bent portion is located between the recess flange and the front flange.